

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) One sector specific Reliance Infrastructure Limited Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for Petroleum & Petro-chemicals sector covering an area of 440 Hectares is existing at Jamnagar. Formal approval for setting up a multi product SEZ over an area of 1125 hectares at Jamnagar has been given to M/s. Essar Jamnagar SEZ Developer Limited. There is no SEZ at Bajhera Khurd. However, an in-principle approval for setting up a multi product SEZ over a proposed area of 2023 hectares at Dadri, Ghaziabad has been given to M/s. Reliance Energy Generation Limited.

(b) Land is a State subject and the compensation is paid by the concerned land acquisition authority as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act and the State policies in this regard.

(c) and (d) As per information made available by the concerned State authorities, the farmers were agitating for enhanced compensation for the land acquired for certain projects of the State Government and it is not correct to say that force was used on the farmers.

Rules in contravention of SEZ Act

2267. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various rules framed under SEZ Act are in contravention of the Act;

(b) if so, the details of instances where rules are in violation of the main Act; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the rules are in conformity with the main Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir. The Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Rules 2006 notified on 10th February, 2006, after following the prescribed procedure, are in accordance with the provisions contained in the SEZ Act 2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.